



Animal Control Newsletter

TOWN OF STERLING- MARCH 20

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Protocol

To reach the Animal Control Officer (ACO), call the Sterling Police Department at 978-422-7331. Tell the dispatcher what you are calling about so they can log the call first, then if it is not an emergency they will connect you to his voicemail. Leave the ACO a message and he will return your call ASAP. Remember, this is a part-time position. If this is an animal emergency please tell the dispatcher and they will send an officer first, then they will call the Animal Control Officer (ACO).

**TOWN OF STERLING
SPRING RABIES AND MICROCHIP CLINIC
SATURDAY, March 12, 2016
ALL TOWNS ARE WELCOME!**



Location:

"VCA STERLING ANIMAL HOSPITAL"
Formerly known as sterling veterinary clinic
4 CLINTON ROAD (RT. 62)
(978) 422-6262

CHECK OR CASH ONLY

9:00AM – 10:00AM CATS IN CARRIERS
10:00AM – 11:00AM DOGS ON LEASHES

RABIES VACCINATIONS \$12.00

RABIES VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM 3/12/2016.

TO QUALIFY FOR THREE YEAR STATUS, PROOF OF TWO RABIES VACCINES ADMINISTERED WITHIN 9-12 MONTHS MUST BE PROVIDED. NO EXAMS WILL BE PERFORMED...RABIES VACCINE ONLY.

MICROCHIP PLACEMENT \$48.50

VCA STERLING ANIMAL HOSPITAL WILL BE USING MICROFINDER MICROCHIPS. THIS CHIP IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED BY ALL ISO COMPLIANT MICROCHIP SCANNERS AND INCLUDES LIFETIME REGISTRATION. VCA STERLING ANIMAL HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE ALL OF THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED.

THE ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF STERLING WILL BE AT THE CLINIC LICENSING DOGS FOR 2016. **(TOWN OF STERLING RESIDENTS ONLY)**

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LOUIS MASSA, THE STERLING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO), AT 978-422-7331. THE ACO WILL BE AT THE RABIES/MICROCHIP CLINIC TO ASSIST AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

EASTER IS MARCH 27-2016



Easter Dangers for Your cat and dog!

1)Eggs - Dyed and Plastic-Shiny plastic eggs may look like toys to your pets. If they chew and swallow the plastic, it can cause intestinal problems that may require surgery.

2)Chocolate-**Chocolate is one of the most deadly foods for pets (both cats and dogs; dark chocolate is worst, white chocolate has the lowest risk).** It's not only high in fat, it contains two nervous system stimulants, caffeine and theobromine. The fat can make your pet vomit or cause diarrhea unpleasant, but usually not fatal. It's the stimulants that can cause death.

3)Easter Lilies **These flowers are beautiful and festive, but should be avoided at all costs if you share your home with pets. Easter lilies are one of the most poisonous plants for pets, especially to cats. Vomiting, lethargy and loss of appetite are symptoms of lily poisoning. Cats who take a bite of the flower can die from kidney failure in less than two days if left untreated. Tip: Try faux lilies for the same look without the risk.**

